

**Amendments To The Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-73 (Canceled)

74. (Currently Amended) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion, wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said fixing portion contains auxiliary fixing means comprising holes bored into the fixing portion or straps attached to the fixing portion through which a rope or cord is threaded;

c. wherein the welding portion extends only across part of the width of the welding fabric; and

d. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said auxiliary fixing means.

75. (Currently Amended) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion, wherein said portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said fixing portion contains auxiliary fixing means comprising holes bored into the fixing portion or straps attached to the fixing portion through which a rope or cord is threaded;

c. wherein the welding portion is only at each end of the width of the welding fabric; and

d. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said auxiliary fixing means.

76. (Currently Amended) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion, wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing

conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said fixing portion contains auxiliary fixing means comprising holes bored into the fixing portion or straps attached to the fixing portion through which a rope or cord is threaded;

c. wherein the welding portion is solely in the middle portion of the welding fabric; and

d. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by auxiliary fixing means.

77. (Currently Amended) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said auxiliary fixing means is provided with straps through which a rope can be threaded;

c. wherein the welding portion is solely in the middle of the welding fabric; and

d. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said auxiliary fixing means.

78. (Currently Amended) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion, wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said auxiliary fixing means is provided with straps through which a rope can be threaded;

c. wherein the welding portion is solely at each end of the welding fabric; and

d. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said auxiliary means.

79. (Currently Amended) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and fixing portion' wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing

conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said auxiliary fixing means is provided with straps through which a rope can be threaded;

c. wherein the welding portion extends across only part of the width of the welding fabric; and

d. a second substrate to which said material is fixed to said auxiliary fixing means.